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ISIS revenge seen as motive in deadly mosque attack; 235 die

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Egyptians gather around bodies following a gun and bombing attack at the Rawda mosque on Friday. While no group has claimed responsibility, officials suspect the increasingly isolated Egyptian affiliate of the Islamic State.

Worst assault in Egypt's modern history

By Greg Jaffe and Joby Warrick
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON – The brazen attack on worshipers at an Egyptian mosque early Friday showed the ability of the Islamic State's regional affiliates to inflict death and exact revenge for the loss of the group's main enclaves in Iraq and Syria.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the attack on the Rawda mosque in Egypt's sparsely populated Sinai Peninsula, but there were many reasons to suspect the Islamic State was responsible.

The Egyptian affiliate, which consists of up to 1,000 members, in recent months has stepped up attacks on Egyptian soldiers and police in the region and laid siege to Coptic Christian churches. Before Friday's attack, the group was best known for its suspected role in the downing of Russia's Metrojet Flight 9268 in 2015, which killed 224 Russian tourists.

The attack on Friday represented a shocking escalation in the carnage, with Egyptian officials reporting 235 dead. It also represented a new and risky kind of target for the Islamic State's Egyptian affiliate. For the first time, the Egyptian branch of the Islamic State appeared to be targeting fellow Sunni Muslim civilians at prayer. Officials called the attack the worst terror assault in modern Egyptian history.

In the wake of the bloodshed, government officials and outside analysts were puzzling over the strategy behind the group's latest horror.

The Sinai chapter is only a part of a larger constellation of regional affili-

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Hunting victim remembered for acts of kindness

Devoted volunteer at WCA Hospital, Chautauqua Hospice aided patients

By Maki Becker
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Jamie Billquist was watching TV at his home on Armenian Road in Sherman on Wednesday night when he heard his dogs barking.

His wife, Rosemary, had just taken their Labs, Sugar and Stella, out for a walk in the field behind their house after getting home from work.

He went outside to see why the dogs were barking and saw an ambulance pull into his driveway.

"Jamie, we've got a gunshot wound," an EMT who happened to be Billquist's friend, said to him as he rushed into the field.

The victim was Rosemary. He rode with her in the ambulance to UPMC Hamot in Erie, Pa., where she was pronounced dead.

A neighbor, Thomas B. Jadlowski, 34, of Cornish Street, thought he saw a deer in the field and fired his pistol, according to the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. Then he heard a scream, sheriff's officials said.

Jadlowski told investigators he found Rosemary Billquist about 200 yards away. He called 911 and applied pressure to her wound.

Jamie Billquist said his 43-year-old wife had been shot in the hip roughly 100 yards from their house.

Courtesy Jamie Billquist

Rosemary Billquist was walking her pet Labs when she was stuck by bullet.

"They tried saving her," her husband said Friday morning. "It was just too bad. ... It's horrific. It will be with me the rest of my life."

Sheriff's officials said Jadlowski has been cooperating with investigators, but so far no charges have been filed. The investigation showed that Jadlowski reported the shooting at 5:24 p.m., which was 40 minutes after sunset. It is a violation of state hunting laws to hunt deer after sunset, sheriff's officials said.

The pistol was a high-powered, single-shot handgun often used for deer hunting, said Sheriff Joe Gerace.

Jamie Billquist said that his

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Abduction haunts Cote family 11 years later

Now, soldier's truck aids another veteran

By Dan Herbeck
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Eleven years have now passed since decorated Army veteran Jonathon M. Cote of Amherst was taken hostage in November 2006 in Iraq, where he was working as a security guard on a convoy. His mutilated body was found 17 months after his abduction.

The FBI and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration investigated, with help from British intelligence services, but no one was ever brought to justice.

Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

Peter Christ sits in Jonathon Cote's refurbished truck with his wife, Angelena, and children, from left, Dylan, Kevin and Justin Christ.

The murdered veteran's family, still grieving, still searches for answers.

"It's still hard for me to think he's not around," said his brother, Chris Cote, 35. "There are always moments in the day that take you back to when he was here with us. I have a wedding coming up. He won't be there to be my best man. I have a little daughter now. He'll never meet her. It's tough."

The family members are not optimistic that Jonathon's killers ever will be punished. But they are not abandoning all hope.

His father, Francis Cote, recently revealed that he and other fam-

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History buff finds key clue in mystery of lost time capsule

By Karen Robinson
NEWS BUSINESS REPORTER

It could be mistaken for a homegrown Nancy Drew mystery.

The case of the missing time capsule at Women & Children's Hospital, which grew from 12 beds in a converted home to a maze of seven interconnected buildings over 125 years, remains unsolved.

But a glimmer of hope is on the horizon after Carl L. Bucki, chief U.S. Bankruptcy Court justice for New York's Western District, put his sleuthing skills to work.

Bucki was determined to crack the case after reading an article in The Buffalo News last week about the two-year search for the missing time capsule at the hospital, which closed Nov. 10 as Kaleida Health opened the new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

Bucki loves local history and has penned 333 columns mostly on Polish history for the Am-Pol Eagle. Every Thursday evening, he has a routine he follows religiously. He heads to the downtown library at Lafayette Square to read old local newspapers, taking copious notes in journals. Last week was no different.

It took him just 20 minutes of poring over microfilm in the library to find a July 30, 1954,

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